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AVIAN HAVEN
Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center

A Few Favorite Images of 2014
December, 2014

Dear Friends of Avian Haven,

Another year is almost over! And as we start counting the days left in 2014, we look back on the weeks and months past, remembering not only the birds in our care but also the contributions that made their care possible. Whether you gave services, supplies, money, advice, or good wishes . . . we couldn’t have done this without you!

So with gratitude, on behalf of the patients who owe their recovery to your support, our small gift back to you is the collection of images that follow. We hope you enjoy them!
One of our favorite owl faces belonged to this Snowy Owl. Although all owls have feathered feet, no other species can compare in extravagant insulation; this bird easily won a prize for footwear!
Among the baby pictures this year, we especially liked images of an American Robin and a European Starling, who found companionship while only a few days old.

Can you tell which is which? In these photos, the robin’s head rests on the starling’s back, and has a mouth color that tends toward orange.
The precocial Killdeer shown on this slide hatched here; they are up and walking around, though only a few hours old!
Speaking of babies... Our resident American Kestrel raised several foster kids this year. In these photos, Gracie is the bird on the right; the fuzzier bird is a teenager who's already as tall as she is!
An adult Red-tailed Hawk in recovery from a wing injury took over the care of an orphaned Red-shouldered Hawk. In the photo to the left, look at the food bulging in the nestling’s very full crop!
We could not guess what these fledgling Eastern Kingbirds were looking at and talking about—only they knew!
No, this isn’t a giant spider!

Eagles are almost always enthusiastic about eating, and this Golden Eagle was not about to let anyone come between her and her dinner.
A junior avian acrobatic troupe? Surrounded by American Robins, a Northern Mockingbird balances atop a Blue Jay.
In England, leg bands for birds are known as rings. Despite being American, we could not resist a whimsical caption for photos of this royal Peregrine Falcon: “You may kiss my ring.”
In the adorable youngster category, Diane thought there was no competition for this young Common Loon. The bird is shown above in one of our indoor pools, and to the right in an outdoor pond.
A young Bald Eagle just wouldn't stop pestering an exasperated adult!
This juvenile was contrary up until the last seconds she was with us: When released, she turned from Marc’s hands and flew straight toward the camera, rather than in the planned direction!

But all ended well — she was soon up and away into the wild blue yonder.
May you have a warm, safe and happy winter, complete with the longer days that are soon to come!

Our best regards and thanks for your support,

Diane and Marc

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